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January 19, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 20, 2005, the date for response to which has been extended to January 20, 2006, by the enclosed Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and Fee, please consider the amendments and remarks that follow:

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